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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - March 1952

DATE: 10 April 1952

1. The proposed NSCID for FDD remained during the month in OIC pending submission by OSI of a new NSCID they are drafting.

2. Following conferences involving OO, FDD [ ] ONE, on propaganda analyses for ONE, a test project on "Sino-Soviet Relations" was set up. The Far East and USSR Branches started research on this in collaboration [ ]

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Significant reverse translations produced during the month:

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4. On a request from the Department of State for a survey of press reaction in Burma and Thailand to any Soviet broadcasts, FDD reported that there was no press reaction on this subject, nor was there any press indication that Soviet broadcasts are received in those areas.

5. Commendations and evaluations:

OCI phoned appreciation for coverage of North African Communist activities.

OPC expressed appreciation for a survey of antireligious coverage of the Chinese press during 1951, and for a report on "Organization of Cultural Propaganda in North Korea," indicating that the latter report would be used immediately in the field.

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Written commendation was received from OSO for English int [ ] translation of a radio manual.

6. Indoctrination of all new clerical personnel received on duty by FDD was initiated by temporarily assigning such personnel to Report Branch for training in methods of composition, transmittal and records procedure of the division.

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7. [ ] returned to duty after completing the six-months Burmese course at the Department of State Foreign Language Institute.

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8. [ ] of OPC, visited the division for a tour and briefing on FDD operations.

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11. The first shipment of Chinese Communist publications procured under project [ ] received from OSO. The shipment included 150 newspapers and 20 periodicals published in late 1951 on the China mainland. 25X1C

12. Seventy-five Russian-language documents captured in Pyongyang were received through Federal Record Center, Alexandria. These documents are now being exploited.

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14. A conference was held with Records Control, OSO, in which the obstacles to procurement of Eastern Europe publications were discussed. At OSO suggestion requests for field procurement from FDD are being prepared to include as complete identification of material as is possible and to indicate the significance of the publications as intelligence information sources.

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15. Noteworthy reports produced:

[ ] -- Soviet aviation official cites deficiencies in equipment and construction tools.

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[ ] -- Progress report on Kuybyshev GES.

[ ] -- New Soviet tunneling machines.

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[ ] -- [ ] writer for the official publication of the Masjumi Party, sees Communism completely incompatible with religion.

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[redacted] -- Survey of 1951 cotton production in Communist China.

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[redacted] -- USSR and Communist China purchase Indonesian and Malayan rubber.

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[redacted] -- Effect of sterling crisis on the Union of South Africa.

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[redacted] -- Functions and personnel of the GDR Central Commission for State Control.

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[redacted] -- Organization of the Czech Ministry of Industry.

[redacted] -- Lower echelon Communist Party activities in Bulgaria.

25X1A [redacted] -- Data on Yugoslav armed forces.

Q-382 -- Organizational structure of the German Reichsbahn.

FDD Summary No. 52 -- Thai Communists' program: "Solution for Thailand."

16. Sixty-one cases of potential duplication were prevented through reference to the Document Exploitation file. Fifteen IAC offices made 73 DEX inquiries regarding 114 items. Two subject runs identified 527 pertinent reports.

17. Attached are details as follows:

Appendix A -- Statistical Report on FDD Operations  
Appendix B -- Details on Personnel Actions

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Statistical Report on FDD Operations  
Details on Personnel Actions

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